

Colonial Park Cemetery



Colonial Park is also a cemetery that thrives on its central location and tourist life. This cemetery is also home to Savannah's Yellow Fever dead. In 1820, the pandemic claimed the lives of around 600 Savannah citizens, many of whom were buried in unmarked pauper's graves. Not counted in that 600 are the deaths of the enslaved due to the pandemic. Located in the back is a wall of busted tombstones that were destroyed by the Union Army when General Sherman occupied Savannah. Their previous locations could not be determined, so they were pinned to the wall.



Laurel Grove North



Laurel Grove North opened in 1850 and served as a replacement for recently closed Colonial Park Cemetery and others. This cemetery features large, ornate Victorian-era architecture and is home to the burial plots of many prominent 19th century Savannah families like the Telfair family. Laurel Grove North is much more decorative than its counterpart Laurel Grove South and contains many large headstones. This is primarily because of the exclusivity to wealthy white families at its inception and into the 20th century.



Laurel Grove South



Laurel Grove South opened in 1850 and replaced several smaller cemeteries in the area, including the Old Negro Burial Ground. Graves in the cemetery are often smaller and less ornate than their Laurel Grove North counterparts and represent income inequality between Savannah's black and white populations during the 19th and 20th century. Many of the city's enslaved people are buried in graves with small headstones or no marking at all. Some plots are still more ornate than others, such as those of prominent African American leaders in the city, such as John Marshal's burial site.



Bonaventure Cemetery



When entering Bonaventure Cemetery, all the essences of a tourist attraction are present. There are benches/seats for visitors, walking/driving trails, and the constant presence of cemetery tours on golf carts and buses. There is acute attention to detail that assures that the park is always presentable for guests. Bonaventure is sizeable in space and culture. You will find various styles of architecture as well as various religious themes in a common place.



Visit the Cemeteries!

Bonaventure Cemetery

330 Bonaventure Rd.
Thunderbolt, GA 31404

Colonial Park Cemetery

200 Abercorn St.
Savannah, GA 31401

Laurel Grove South

2101 Kollock St.
Savannah, GA 31415

Laurel Grove North

802 W. Anderson St.
Savannah, GA 31415

Graveyard Field Guide



Explore Savannah Cemetery Culture

